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Thinks It Would Insure Amer-
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Over World.

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American Gets Autographed
Prophecies by Historians—
European Gossip.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, April 27.—George W. Sheldon, president of the National Business League of America, sees great danger to the earnings of American and Canadian transcontinental railroads through the opening of the Panama Canal. European traffic to and from the Pacific and most places west of the Rockies is almost certain to go through the canal, according to Mr. Sheldon, who asserts that as a result of inquiry much quiet preparation is being made by ship owners in London to capture this traffic, but it is difficult to locate concretely what is being done.

"Our railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission better get busy or else they will see a huge chunk of their traffic disappear with the opening of the canal," said Mr. Sheldon today. "The Canadian lines will probably suffer most, as they have not the amount of local traffic from which to derive dividends as the American transcontinental lines."

"The condition emphasizes the necessity of a national merchant marine and civil service consular organization. With these established and with the wonderful natural resources of the United States, coupled with the brains of our people, no country on earth for the next several hundred years could hold any but second place in manufactures."

"The subsidized merchant marine idea is obnoxious, but a plan by which the government would build auxiliary ships for the navy which could be used as merchantmen in times of peace seems most feasible. Consular reform does not seem imminent, as the Suber bill does not seem proclaimed by the author as intended to be a political patronage measure. I cannot understand why President Taft and Secretary Knox are moving heaven and earth to secure the passage of what is intended to be a Democratic patronage grab bag."

"The placing of consuls in the permanent civil service is essential to the building up of America's commercial supremacy. The opening of the canal emphasizes the necessity of these measures, and we are about to contribute hundreds of millions of dollars paid for carrying and receiving products for the sake of the game of politics."

ADDS TO HIS FAMOUS LIBRARY

Among the passengers detained on the Olympic by the firemen's strike against the collapsible lifeboats was James Carlton Young, a Minneapolis autograph book collector. Mr. Young has been abroad since December and is returning with his daughter, who has been attending school in Paris. He told the correspondent of THE SUN that he had secured many valuable additions to his famous library, including a flyleaf of autographed prophecies by noted European historians, which cannot be used until after their death, regarding the state of the world for the next twenty years.

Mr. Young said he felt that his trip had been one of the most successful he ever made. He was particularly pleased with a letter of commendation he had received from Edmund Gosse, the librarian of the House of Lords. Mr. Gosse says in his letter:

"When the twenty years scheme was proposed to certain authors it seemed to certain authors to be idle, troublesome and unreasonable, but Mr. Young pursued it with tireless persistence. The idea which is in his mind gradually dawned upon us all and his collection, which was once discarded, is now the object of general admiration. It becomes evident that if anything of the literature of the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century survives the quinquennial we will find it in the unique collection of Mr. Young."

Mr. Young says he has now secured probably the works of half the authors of the modern world. He declined to state the number of volumes he had secured, explaining that if the figures were small people would say "Why make a fuss about such a little amount," and if they were large they would say "Oh, it's probably a lot of trash." When asked about the eventual disposition of his collection Mr. Young said he intended to present it to some Government, most likely the United States, who would have the privilege of selecting what ever volumes it desired. He wishes the other volumes to be distributed among the other Governments.

Mr. Young prior to leaving London had the gloomy satisfaction of reading his own obituary coupled with a photograph of a Titanic memorial number of one of the London newspapers. Mr. Young intends to return to Europe in the autumn to continue his collection.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIS PERELESS

L. N. Powers of New York, who has been motoring in Europe for more than two years, pays a tribute to his 25 horse-power Peerless machine. He says:

"I intended to be in Europe for eight months. I have been here now twenty-seven months and will probably finish the three years and then go home. I have motored throughout Great Britain and the Continent and given the car the roughest kind of work, yet the expense of repairs exclusive of tires has been only 2%. I had the car examined recently and it was pronounced to be as good as new. Foreign makers are unable to believe that my expense bill for repairs has been so light. I find that my car while perhaps not so fast as some on level stretches,

yet beats all in climbing hills. Foreign cars may be built for speed, but a car built for American roads has an easy, inexpensive life in Europe with its well kept roads."

Mr. Powers says he has been so surfeited with foreign plays that for the few days he will be in London he is anxious to go to a theatre where English, particularly the Americanized kind, is spoken.

AMERICAN PEERLESS INDISPENSIBLE.

Two American peerlesses are in London suffering from indisposition. The Countess Széchenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, who was confined to her bed for a fortnight, is now recovering. Her mother arrived here on Thursday. Lady Camoys, who was Miss Mildred Sherman, is ill at the Ritz. It is learned that her indisposition is not serious and that she is recovering rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Duke arrived here today from Paris. They have taken a large house in Mayfair for the season. They will return to the United States in August.

Ex-United States Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, who spent a few days in London, went to Paris early this week. He will return in June with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Swift of Chicago went to Paris last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer L. Schiff are in London visiting relatives.

W. L. Butterfield, a cousin of Col. Roosevelt, spent part of the week in London. Thence he went to Cliff Castle, his place in Yorkshire. Afterward he will go to Paris.

The managers of fashionable hotels are despondent over the prospects for the season so far as Americans are concerned. They believe the Titanic disaster will scare off many and they do not expect more than 50 per cent. of the usual number. The Presidential campaign will also affect trade adversely, they contend, as while the majority of regulars will doubtless come to Europe they will return earlier than usual.

On the other hand, the English see every promise of an unusually active season. There is an apparent inclination on the part of hostesses to give larger parties and they are engaging the ballrooms of hotels. There will be scarcely a night in May on which some important dance is not to occur.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT BILL

The Welsh disestablishment bill, which has passed its first reading, is not so drastic after all. It abolishes the connection between Church and State and nullifies the ecclesiastical law in Wales, but differing from the French law, it leaves the cathedrals, churches, episcopal palaces and parsonages to the Church with all their money endowments since 1862, which have an income of \$55,000 a year and also \$200,000 a year from the ecclesiastical commissioners and Queen Anne's bounty. The total revenue to be administered by the parish, county or national councils of the amount taken from the Church is \$305,000 a year, but moderates regard the residuum as fairly representing the rights of the Church. In Wales the vast majority are nonconformists. Incidentally the bill helps the reform of the House of Lords by unseating four spiritual peers.

The disestablishment bill, like the Irish home rule measure, seems destined to pass eventually, under the Parliament law which took away the Lords veto, and both may be enacted before the end of the session of 1914, as there is no visible likelihood of the present Ministry falling. In the sixteen months since the general election the Government majority in the House of Commons has been reduced only sixteen votes and it remains at nearly 120. This cannot be rubbed out by by-elections and there is no sign of a political cataclysm to upset the Government. In fact, these Irish and Welsh bills are calculated to guarantee the performance of Premier Asquith's majority until the issues are settled. One chains the Irish Nationalists and the other the Radical group to the Liberal combination.

STAMP COLLECTORS PROTEST

Stamp collectors are in dismay over the coming of the penny in the slot stamping machines, which will kill their hobby. They will hold a mass meeting of protest at Margate in the first four days of May. Baron Leijonhufvud, the owner of the greatest Swedish collection in the world, will preside. There are many wails in the London papers over the extinction of philatelic science by the automatic machines.

William G. C. Gladstone, grandson of the great commoner, in an interview on the Irish convention in Dublin, which he attended by special invitation, says it was the greatest thing imaginable. He was not surprised at its order, but he was deeply impressed at the way the home rule measure was received. He conveyed the impression to the reporter that in his judgment Ireland had forgiven and forgotten the coercion acts and ideas of his grandfather's days. Mr. Gladstone is spoken of as a new and better link between Ireland and England.

MCCARTHY DREAMED HIS STORIES

The death of Justin McCarthy, the novelist and historian, has brought out a crop of anecdotes. It is said he used to dream his stories. "When I awoke and recalled the whole," he is quoted as saying, "I wrote it word for word as if I were copying without taxing my brain to provide ideas or word dressing."

Mr. McCarthy thought the present age was one of decay in oratory. Balfour was no successor to Disraeli, he often said, nor Joseph Chamberlain to John Bright. Harcourt, he used to say, was a good fighter like Kipling's "Fuzzy Wuzzy," but he was no Gladstone. Asquith and Sir A. Fowler were brilliant, but they did not fill the shoes of Cobden or Bright.

There is a new trouble between the bachelors and ex-bachelors of Dunshaughlin, Ireland's bachelor village. When the news was published that the rural district council had issued a ukase that the unmarried men must get wives or they would have to quit the town cottages there was an avalanche of letters from would-be brides who were willing to share the poor fellows' homes. A girl in Athlone wrote:

"I am 25 years of age, tall and slender, just every inch of me. I will leave no young man judge of my good looks myself. I can't play music. I understand neither waltzes nor polkas, but I might trip through a four handed reel. I can sing old Irish songs to suit the Dunshaughlin boys. I can cook to his taste, as I know his table is like what I have been used to. I can wash and work and make home

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bright, and all the neighbors will be well come to come in and kindle their pipes." Unhappily one lad fell for this soft blandishment and married the girl, whereupon his employer instantly bounced him on the ground that unmarried men were more efficient workers than married ones, so now he's hunting a job instead of a wife.

WAGNER ON "DON JUAN."

An Unpublished Letter Telling How to Give Mozart's Opera.

PARIS, April 18.—The Opéra Comique is to revive Mozart's "Don Juan," which is to be given as nearly as possible as it was produced when first performed at Prague in 1787 under the composer's personal direction. In connection with the performance a hitherto unpublished letter written by Richard Wagner to Felix Mottl in 1882 has just been printed. In it Wagner speaks of "Don Juan" and Mozart with admiration and he praises French composers in terms somewhat unexpected from such a quarter. The letter reads:

MAY 1, 1882.

MY DEAR FRIEND—I am told that you are going to produce "Don Juan." I am glad of that for your sake who understand "Tristan and Isolde" so well. I believe that you will understand better than any one in the world what love is. You have developed in my "Tristan and Isolde" so much beauty and divine charm that I am only too proud to be able to entrust my works to you. The present leader of the orchestra at the Opéra writes to me that he has spoken to you of me and has discussed my works with Meyer, whom the French place in the first rank of their musicians. Henceforth I will not regret my disdain for Meyer. Catulle Mendes has brought me to recognize that he is in spite of everything a great musician, and then you adore Saint-Saëns. Between you and me, you are not wrong.

I must tell you how you should conceive "Don Juan." He resembles my *Tristan* in his enthusiasm for love and in inspiration. Mozart has been able to accomplish something that is not to be found any more, except in France. I have spoken of it often enough to Catulle Mendes and he has told you, he writes to me, I must confess that the French, to-day better than ever, know how to make themselves worthy of such a masterpiece of love.

Take great care of the minutest, the quadrille and the German dance which Mozart composed for act of the ball, which I am sure will be part of your production. It will be a treat for the French if you give it a hearing in Paris.

Three small orchestras should be placed

RODIN'S TRIBUTE TO CHAMPLAIN



Here is a picture of the bronze figure of "France" by Rodin, which the delegation of distinguished Frenchmen, headed by M. Gabriel Hanotaux has brought to the United States to be affixed to the monument to Champlain. The inscription translated is as follows: "On July 20, 1609, the Frenchman, S. Champlain, discovered the lake that bears his name. On May 3, 1912, the United States of America raising this monument, a French delegation affixed this figure of France."

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